



Main points summary

- **52 instances of use of force by Ministry of Defence Police Officers** recorded during the period from 01 July 2023 to 30 September 2023
- The most common reason for use of force was to **protect self** – 44 instances
- The most commonly recorded impact factors were **Alcohol** - 34 instances
- The most commonly perceived ethnicity of individuals subject to use of force was **White** - 46 out of 52 instances
- The most common outcome was **arrested** - 41 out of 52 instances

Locations

- In most cases, use of force by MDP Officers took place on **streets/highways** – 28 recorded instances.

Table 1: Reasons for use of force

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Use of Force reason¹	Count
Protect Self	44
Protect other Officer	35
Protect Public	28
Protect Subject	13
Effect Arrest	6
Effect Search	6
Secure Evidence	5
Prevent Offence	4
Prevent Escape	4
Prevent Harm	2
Method of Entry	0
Remove Handcuffs	0
Other	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>147</i>

¹ Use of force can be used for several reasons in any given incident; there is a staged escalation process in the Police Service and therefore multiple reasons may be recorded for a single incident.

Table 2: Impact factors leading to use of force

01 July 2023- 30 September 2023

Impact factors²	Count
Alcohol	34
Size/Gender/Build	12
Drugs	12
Mental Health	11
Prior Knowledge	11
Other	6
Possession of a Weapon	5
Crowd	3
Acute Behaviour Disorder	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>95</i>

Table 3: Primary conduct/behaviour of subject during stop

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Primary conduct/behaviour of subject³	Count
Compliant	17
Aggressive Resistance	14
Active Resistance	9
Serious or Aggravated Resistance	9
Passive Resistance	2
Verbal Resistance / Gestures	1
No Data Available	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>52</i>

Definitions of the conduct/behaviour categories are provided at End Note ⁱ

² Impact factors are not always relevant to instances of use of force and fewer impact factors than incidents may therefore be recorded. Likewise, it is possible to have multiple impact factors for one incident.

³ Officers use the categories listed to best describe the primary conduct/behaviour of subjects. If the subject displays more than one conduct/behaviour, the officer will only record the most relevant or severe. Definitions of the conduct/behaviour categories are provided at End Note i.

Table 4: Tactics deployed⁴ during stop

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	<i>Most common</i>	<i>Second most common</i>	<i>Third most common</i>
First tactic: 52 instances	Compliant Handcuffing - 17	Non-Compliant Handcuffing – 11	Unarmed Skills - 6

Table 5: Conducted Energy Devices and Firearms deployed during stop

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Presentation of Conducted Energy Device (Taser)	Instances
CED drawn	3
CED aimed	2
CED arced	0
CED red dotted	1
Use of Conducted Energy Device (Taser)	Instances
CED stun	0
CED fired	0
Firearms	Instances
Firearm drawn	0
Firearm aimed	0
Firearm fired	0

⁴ The breakdown of instances shown against each tactic is limited to 'Most common', 'Second most common, and 'Third most common' so, in cases where more than three types of tactics have been used, the corresponding figures for each will not always equate to the total number of instances. In addition, the information provided in Table 4 and any corresponding bullet points does not include specific details on the deployment of Conducted Energy Devices (Tasers) or Firearms; where applicable, that information is provided at Table 5.

Officer Injuries

- **12 officers** were assaulted from an intentional assault which incurred minor injuries
- **2 officers** were **spat at** by the subject
- **1 officers** were **threatened with a weapon**
- **0 officers** were **assaulted with a weapon**

Subject details⁵

Table 6: Perceived gender of subject

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Perceived gender of the subject	Count
Male	40
Female	10
Non-Binary/Transgender	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>52</i>

Table 7: Perceived age of subject

01 July 2023 - 30 September 2023

Perceived age of subject	Count
Under 11 years	0
11-17 years	3
18 - 34 years	25
35 - 49 years	18
50 - 64 years	3
65 years or over	0
Not recorded	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>52</i>

⁵ Figures provided relate to the number of instances of use of force and do not always correspond to the specific number of individuals involved. For example, more than one instance of use of force could be attributed to the same person.

Table 8: Perceived Ethnicity of subject

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Perceived ethnicity of subject	Count
White	46
Asian (or Asian British)	2
Don't Know	2
Black (or Black British)	1
Other	1
Mixed	0
Chinese	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>52</i>

Disabilities

- In **1** out of **52** incidents, the subject was perceived to have **physical disabilities**.
- In **2** out of **52** incidents, the subjects were perceived to have **mental disabilities**.

Injuries & medical assistance

- **2** subjects **received minor injuries** in an instance where use of force was recorded.
- **2** instances of **medical assistance** required and subsequently received.

Table 9: Outcome of stop

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Outcome	Count
Arrested	41
Released/NFA	7
Detained (Mental Health Act)	2
Hospitalised	1
Made Off / Escaped	1
Fatality	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>52</i>

Table 3: Primary conduct behaviour of subjects – Definitions

Compliant: No resistance to instructions

Verbal resistance: Verbal abuse or gestures made but does not offer any physical resistance e.g. verbally swearing, offensive finger gestures

Passive resistance: Resistance that is not physical in nature but is intended to stop an officer or the general public from leading their day-to-day activities e.g. sitting in the road, refusing to move

Active resistance: A form of resistance or obstruction that is mildly physical in nature e.g. pushing, shoving

Aggressive resistance: A stage above active resistance where physical resistance is more pronounced but has no intention to injure an officer e.g. struggling against an officer

Serious/aggravated resistance: Use of violence against police with the intention to seriously injure or evade arrest e.g. striking with a weapon, punching